(ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) (श्री उत्तमभाईण एच0 पटेल) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Pending applications for setting up Industries in Punjab

1163. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications/ proposals for setting up of new industries in Punjab pending with the Government for approval;

(b) the amount involved in these proposals;

(c) the projected employment potential thereof; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) a total number of 22 proposals for setting up industries in Punjab under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act are pending with the Government for approval.

(b) and (c) The proposed investment and employment involved in these proposals are Rs. 24806 lakhs and 9478 persons respectively.

(d) All steps are taken for speedy disposal of applications. Actual disposal of applications depends on the sectoral policy adopted by the Administrative Ministry, their recommendations in specific cases and also furnishing of relevant information by the applicants.

Letters of Intent issued for setting up industries

1164. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Letters of Intent issued to textile and leather sectors and also in other areas to set up industry during current financial year so far; and

(b) the details of these proposals including the location cost and export potentials of those units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) A total number of 184 Letters of Intent have been granted under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 for setting up industries, in the country during the period Ist April, 1995 to 31st October, 1995. Out of these 57 are for textile sector, 19 are for leather sector and 108 are for other sectors.

(b) The details are published in the Monthly News Letter of Indian Investment Centre and STA statistics brought out by the Ministry of Industry, copies of which are regularly sent to Parliament Library. The proposed investment to be generated as per information given by the entrepreneurs (without any verification from government about the authenticity) in the Letters of Intent is Rs. 6642 crores. Entrepreneurs are required to export 75 percent of their product for the items which are reserved for small scale sector.

Decisions taken at lower courts

1165. SHRI OP. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Jansatta' of 23rd February, 1995 under the caption "Magistrate par faisle mein herapheri Karane ka aarop";

(b) if so, the facts of the news-item;

(c) the action taken thereon; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to evaluate a percentage of such judgements of the lower courts in Delhi and to impress upon the need of being fair and impartial on the magistrates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R.